Sales Turn-Over of Medicines

4545. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

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DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 351 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state :

(a) what is the All India estimate of sales turn-over of Propoxyphena zone, Avapyrazone, Chymotrpysin Tripolidine Hcl, Dexomethorphan Hydrobromide, Carbinoxamine Maleate and Phenyl propanolamine Hcl during 1986 and 1987 based on records maintained by the 650 chemists according to ORG;

(b) whether it is a fact that all these drugs are exempted from price control;.'

(c) whether it is also a fact that none of these drugs are produced in the country;

(d) if so, what are the basis on which Kelkar Committee recommended for the exemption of drugs those from price control and what is the specific exclusion criteria which is being fulfilled by each of these drugs; and

(e) how the objective of boosting indigenous production is achieved by decontrolling the prices of impor ted bulk drugs having monopoly and substantial turnover ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI *J.* VENGAL RAO) ; (a) Sales turnover is not monitored.

(b) Yes, Sir. As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987 all the referred bulk drugs are exempted from price control.

(c) Production of the referred bulk drugs is not being monitored.

(d) The Kelkar Committee considered the WHO list of essential drugs and recommended bulk drugs to be included in Category II, adopt-ting five exclusion criteria.

(e) The measures announced in December, 1986 are aimed at increa sing indigenous production.

Increase in vitamin prices

4546 SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3272 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that it is obligatory to provide to his Ministry full details of revised prices of non-scheduled drugs before increasing the prices according to DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, the names of the companies which furnished such information in respect of these sixteen rugs;

(c) what are the basis for increase in each case;

(d) what is the percentage increaseeach case . and what is the reaction of his Ministry of such increase;

(e) whether it is a fact that in mos of the cases, there is monopoly production,

(f) whether his Ministry is proposing to bring any of these drugs under price control; and

(g) if so, by when such a decision will be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) IDPL, Merind, Roche Products, KSDPL, Olindia, E. Merck, Sarabhai etc.

(c) and (d) Several costing factors are involved in the fixation of price of bulk drugs. The manufacturers of non-scheduled bulk drugs are free to revise their prices as per the provisions of DPCO, 1987. However Govt, is keeping elose watch on price increase and intervenes wherever found necessary.

(e) and (f) No , Sir. (g)

Does no arise.

Monitoring of sales turnover and Quantum of Production

4547. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY .

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 647 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1988 and state;

(a) when his Ministry would start monitoring the details of sales i nover and quantum of pfochictiori;

(b) what is the purpose of monitoring without these detailed ;

(c) whether il is a fact that for ascertaining the impact on the consumer both quantum of production and change in sales prices are required; and

(d) what is the purpose of monitoring without effectively monitoring these two essential elements?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (d) The purpose of monitoring the price of de-controlled drugs is to check any unwarranted and exhorbi-tant increase in prices. There is no proposal to monitor the details of sales turnover and quantum of production.

Sales Turnover of Vitamin Products

4548. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 353 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state :

(a) what is the all India estimate of sales of Vitamin Bl, B2, B6, BI2, Vitamin-C and Vitamin D3 based on records maintained by the 650 chemists as per ORG during 1986 and 1987; and

(b) what are the names of the drug producers who have been given licences to produce the above vitamins and how many of them have implemented the permission and are in actual production along with the year of commencement of p_{ro}—